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T. JACKSON,
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Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1515

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Hongkong, September 10, 1895. 816

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SHAI, NAKA, KOBE & YAMA. Macau. C. T. DENNY, R.N.R. About 30th May.

SHANGHAI. Kita-i-Hid. C. L. DANIEL. About 31st May.

LONDON, &c. Mirapor. J. R. LONDON, R.N.R. Noon, 4th June.

JAPAN. Ancon. W. D. MUDDIE. Noon, 5th June.

LONDON. Man's. B. L. HADDOCK, R.N.R. About 13th June.

* See Special Advertisement.

For Passage, and further Particulars, apply to

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office.

Hongkong, May 23, 1896. 1035

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

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Hongkong, May 20, 1896. 1036

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Hongkong, May 25, 1896. 1014

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Hongkong, May 25, 1896. 1031

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Hongkong, May 25, 1896. 996

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Agents.

Hongkong, May 25, 1896. 1003

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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The Co.'s Steamship

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despatched for the above

Ports on TUESDAY, the 26th instant, at

NOON.

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, May 23, 1896. 1038

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship

Peiping,

Capt. TH. LEHMANN, will be

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Port on TUESDAY, the 26th inst., at

NOON, instead of as previously advertised.

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SIEMSEN & CO.,

Hongkong, May 23, 1896. 1051

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Hongkong, May 22, 1896. 1006

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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The Steamship

Shantung,

Capt. F. FRAMPTON, will be

despatched on WED-

NESDAY, the 27th instant.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

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Hongkong, May 21, 1896. 1020

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STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLES, ANTWERP,

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BLACK SEA PORTS).

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Hongkong, May 22, 1896. 993

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BIRTHS.

At Hongkong, on the 24th instant, the wife of J. R. Clark, of a daughter.
At No. 10, Carter Road, Shanghai, on the 20th instant, Mrs. MAMIE BONDE, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

At Shanghai, on the 20th May, at H. B. M's Consulate-General by Sir Nicholas J. Hannen, Consul-General, and afterwards at Trinity Cathedral by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, M.A., EDITH MAY, daughter of J. A. Stewart, of Shanghai, to WILLIAM BAXFORD, eldest son of the late George Cheetham, of Eccles, near Manchester.

At Shanghai, on the 20th May, at the Imperial German Consulate-General, by Dr. O. Stoebel, Consul-General, and afterwards by Pastor H. Hackner, Theol. Lic., at the Union Church, Clara, third daughter of A. Kirchner, Esq., Shanghai, to WILHELM SCHRAMMER, Phil. Dr., Interpreter to the German Consulate-General, of Shanghai.

DEATHS.

At 6, Wuchang Road, Shanghai, MARY LUCY CHRISTIE, infant daughter of William and Elizabeth Martinson; aged 1 year and 6 months.

On May 14, at No. 138, Settlement, Yokohama, A. MINGALD, of Chappelle (Vaud) Switzerland, aged 60 years.

The publication of this issue commenced at 12.45 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 25, 1896.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.)

OUTWARD BOUND.—Exxon, April 17; Fau Sang, 21; Glenaray, 23; Achilles, Oopack, Nerite, May 1; Benlomond, Polysphena, Rose Castle, Giannorganis, Batmoral, Dordogne, Rickmers, 5; Cedar Branch, Woollcott, Pyrrhus, 9; Prince Heinrich, Thetla, Rose Maru, 12; Chung-tao, Glenary, Palawan, Benglo, 16; Glenaray, Melbourne, Monmouthshire, Ostend, Orteles, Dorothea Rickmers, 19; Ernest Simon, Sachsen, Dardanus, Shanghai, Kasow, 22.

HOMeward Bound.—Merionethshire, Ning-chou, March 27; Port Adelaide, 31; Glenaray, April 14; Glacea, Preussen, 21; Frigga, Maria Teresa, 24; Tantalus, May 1; Salazar, 12; Asia, 16.

Mails.

The N. P. & S. Co.'s steamer *Strathleven* has sailed from Moji, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 25th inst.

The P. M. & S. Co.'s s.s. *City of Peking*, with the AMERICAN MAIL of May 5, left Yokohama, via Nagasaki, on Saturday, the 23rd instant, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 29th inst.

The Nord. Lloyd's s.s. *Prince Heinrich*, carrying the German mails, with dates from Berlin to the 4th May, left Colombo on Friday, the 22nd May, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 29th June.

The Empress of China left Vancouver on Monday afternoon (11th instant), for Hongkong.

The O. & G. s.s. *Doric*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu, Yokohama and Nagasaki, on the 19th inst.

The N. P. & S. Co.'s *Tacoma* left Victoria for this port on 17th inst., via usual ports of call.

Steamers Expected.

The N. G. I. s.s. *Rangoon* left Singapore for this port on the 21st inst., and is due here on or about the 29th inst.

The P. & G. s.s. *Mazagon* left Singapore for this port at 10 p.m. on the 21st inst.

The P. & G. s.s. *Aiden* left Singapore for this port at 6 a.m. on the 22nd inst.

The D. D. E. steamer *Gorda*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 22nd inst., and may be expected here on or about the 29th inst.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Abilities*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 23rd inst., and may be expected here on or about the 29th inst.

The P. & G. s.s. *Mazagon* left Bombay for this port on the 8th inst.

The P. & G. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Hydapses* left Bombay for this port on 16th inst.

Latest Advertisements.

The s.s. *Araratian* departs from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of the 23rd inst.

A miss-ounce snipe has been seen and eaten in Tientsin. Eating is believing!

The Taotai at Wuchang is reported to be at his old trick of Christian-baiting.

A classified list of the several ranks of the staff of Victoria Gaol and their salaries is published in the *Gazette*.

The Nagasaki Express states that 3,000 rifles arrived at Seoul from Vladivostok on the 9th inst.

Mr Alford has been asked to fill the seat in the Shanghai Municipal Council vacated by Mr A. P. MacEwen, now in Hongkong.

On Saturday morning, while the steam launch *Shun Wa* was lying at anchor off Pedder's Wharf, a gust of wind carried off her awnings, stanchions and funnel.

The death rate last month was, for the British and foreign community, civil population, 31.0, and for the Chinese community 27.9; for the whole community 28.0.

The Taotai of Shanghai has written a graceful letter, thanking the officers and men of the U. S. S. Olympia for rescuing so many Chinese in the recent disastrous collision at Woosung.

It is noticed in the *Gazette* that H. E. the Governor has been pleased to appoint His Honour Dr Carrington, Chief Justice, to be a member of the Governing Body of Queen's College in place of the Hon. N. G. Mitchell-Knott.

Mr Bruce Hart (son of Sir Robert Hart, the I. G. of the Chinese Customs) accompanied by Mrs Hart, arrived in Hongkong today by the German mail steamer *Karlsruhe* from Shanghai. Mr Hart has been transferred to the London office on account of ill health.

Our 'Popular' Piano, handsome, full-toned, strong & guaranteed wear, £350/350.—W. Robinson & Co.

BLASTING operations on the Ormoc were to begin on the 23rd instant. The Syren was to blow up on the same day.

The Admiralty suit, the owners of the Norwegian steamer *Normandie*, the owners of the British steamer *Pekin*, on account of the collision between these vessels in the Whangpoo River on the 3rd April last, was heard before Sir N. J. Hansen, of the P. & G. steamer *Mirzapur*, was Naval Assessor. The evidence was concluded on the 20th inst.

The Kowloon Detachment of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps held their monthly competition on the 24th inst. for the Cup presented by Mr John Wallace; 7 shots at 200, 400 and 500 yards. Mr David Gow won the Cup with a score 76 (21 points added) 97; Mr William Stewart making a good second with 80 points.

We have to thank an anonymous correspondent for the interest he takes in our list of foreign men-of-war, but we cannot accept his suggested 'corrections.' We have no reason for doubting that our correspondent has corrected the list from 'many naval books and papers,' but as we have verified the particulars for ourselves in the recognised official registers we do not care to accept the 'corrections' of an anonymous correspondent. As a matter of fact he is wrong in several details, and in some cases, vessels given by him as on the China Station are now elsewhere. The following list of Russian torpedo boats and additional gunboats not shown in our ordinary list may be given, however, for what it is worth:

CRUISEERS AND GUNBOATS.
Jernal, Russian coast defence ship, 700 tons, 8 guns, 1500 h.p., speed 10.5 knots.
Nayeznik, Russian cruiser, 1400, 18, 1790, 13.5 knots.
Tungus, Russian coast defence ship, 1200, 13, 1200, 12.0 knots.
Vodoch, Russian gunboat, 810, 6, 1200, 12.5 knots.
Vesznik, Russian torpedo destroyer, 500, 18, 3200, 22.0 knots.
Yakut, Russian gunboat, 810, 16, 1200, 13.0 knots.

RUSSIAN SIBERIAN TORPEDO FLOTILLA.
Sea-going—
Guns 1000 Tons Speed.
1st class.
Baro ... 4 (QF) 1100 81 22.0
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Sverdborg ... 4 780 96 22.0
Svitik ... 4 970 87 22.0
Jouchich ... 4 970 87 22.0
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Norgen ... 4 1800 140 26.0
Surjuri ... 4 1800 140 24.0
Usur ... 4 1800 140 24.0
2nd class.
Forst ... 1 220 23 17.0
Pedrovits ... 1 220 23 17.0
Svitik ... 1 220 23 17.0
Skorpion ... 1 220 23 17.0
Sterlaid ... 1 220 23 17.0
Straus ... 1 220 23 17.0

The 3rd-class torpedo boats are numerous (carried on board warships).

The third annual meeting of the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, was held at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, E.C., on Tuesday, 21st April. We have received a report of the proceedings from the *Money Market Review*. The Chairman—Sir Alexander Wilson—in the course of his speech in proposing the adoption of the report for the past year, stated the period under review could not be characterised as a very brilliant one in the annals of Eastern banking, and the exchange banks had to face a lower scale of margins than perhaps they had ever had to deal with before. In the liability side of the account the only change under capital was that 110 of the 'B' shares not taken up at the time of the reconstruction of the Bank had been applied for during the year, and, by the permission of the liquidators, allotted to the holders that number of shares in the old bank. That brought the 'B' capital up to £309,812. There was a considerable increase in the fixed deposits. This was not perhaps so satisfactory a feature from the point of view of present profit, but the increase was nevertheless satisfactory asshowing the bank was rapidly gaining the confidence of the investing public. The amount of unrealised assets of the old bank showed a reduction in the year of nearly £21,000. He was happy to say that the prices at which these realisations had been made had fully equalised the valuations at which they stood, and the board were able therefore to repeat their statement that the securities held against this item were sufficient to compensate the bank for nursing them. In the profit and loss account, the expenses of management showed a reduction of £3,000. The net profit, including the amount brought forward, amounted to £24,818.8. 6d. The interim dividend on the 'A' shares and the further one now proposed would take £30,576; the dividend on the 'B' shares would absorb further £7,396.6s., after which there would be £2,047.8s. 11d. to be carried forward. Mr Campbell had returned from visit to the Eastern branches, and reported himself well satisfied with everything going on there. The Chairman moved, 'That the report of the Directors, with the audited statement of accounts and balance-sheet to the 31st December last, presented to this meeting, be and the same are hereby received, approved, and adopted, and that a dividend on the 'A' shares of the bank at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum for the six months ending 31st December, 1895, and on the 'B' shares at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum for the year ending 31st December, 1895, as recommended in the report, be and the same is hereby declared.' Mr J. A. Maitland seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. The reliting Directors, Messrs F. W. Lunn and Thomas Scott, were reelected. Messrs Cooper Brothers and Son and Mr W. A. Brown were reelected auditors at a remuneration of 100 guineas for each audit.

The Ichang correspondent of the *N.-O. Daily News* writes on the 15th May:—There has been a disturbance at a Roman Catholic station twenty miles from Ichang. The place is called Yachioing and is considered a rowdy place. It is under the jurisdiction of three magistrates, so each official tries to wash his hands clean of any crime committed there and hand it on to his neighbour. Thus in the end the officials are unmolested. The native converts are reported to have irritated the people in some way and the result was an attack on the mission building. The same correspondent writes:—Capt. Barton of the *Kit* has gone to Hankow to attend a court-martial on the shooting case which happened here last December. The Chinese man who handled the gun and accidentally shot the Englishman has been on the *Kit* all the time, but has now to be tried in Hankow. While Capt. Barton is away a sub-lieutenant has come up to take temporary command of the gunboat. Mr. Dry, Lieutenant of marines, has gone home. We hear no one has been appointed to his place.

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